

Shenandoah Trail Rides Guide

Horse Trip: 1-15 Mile Roundtrip

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Madison Run and Big Run Portal

Map: PATC #11 (South District)

Not a suitable route for wet/winter conditions.

Trip Description: A rugged ride to the beautiful Big Run wilderness valley, largest watershed in the park.

Skyline Drive Parking

Parking: Browns Gap Parking
Trailer: Goose-neck trailer
Availability: Parking is generally available.

Boundary Parking

Parking: N/A
Trailer:
Availability:

Encounters: Vehicle traffic is possible, but is limited to park employees. Weekends bring heavy hiking and/or backpacking along this route.

Footings: Long stretches are rough, rocky, narrow, and/or in wilderness. Potential for troublesome stream crossings.

12.2 Miles Roundtrip (to and from the Big Run bridge)

Park at Browns Gap parking, near milepost 83.
Head west, riding down Madison Run Road 0.8 mile.
Turn right onto Madison Run Spur Trail and ride 0.3 mile.
Continue straight onto the yellow-blazed Big Run Loop Trail, riding 1.3 miles.
Turn left onto Big Run Portal Trail and ride 3.7 miles to the metal bridge.
Whenever you are ready, turn around and retrace your steps to return to your vehicle.